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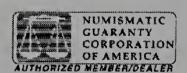
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Greetings ILNA Members,

Spring is right around the corner. The coin and precious metal markets are still crazy, moving up and down with large swings! I frequent many shows throughout the year. There is a certain buzz in the room at all the shows I attend, whether from bullion buyers looking around the floor for deals, or collectors searching out that one missing coin for their collection. I have noticed a shortage of new, fresh coins on the floor at some of these shows. It seems like the people who have their coins are holding them and watching the market go up, which is creating a significant demand for new, fresh items.

I am excited to report all of the new projects that ILNA, as an organization, is working on. Tim Guest, our new digest editor, is really enjoying his new role and trying to make our digest a bookmark in the industry. Jim Paicz, our bourse chairman, is working very hard with creative ideas to continue the ongoing success of our annual show. His theme for the upcoming show featuring Congressional Medal of Honor recipients should be a huge draw for people to attend our show, as well as an educational opportunity for all of us to listen to these men speak. Joyce Paicz, who sits on the membership committee, is rejuvenating our membership by bringing back some of the old members that may have left the organization, as well as keeping new members in the loop.

As an organization, we are actively informing and educating Illinoisans about our great and historically significant hobby. We have seen how the efforts of a few can achieve so much. We realize the importance of an ILNA presence at all the local shows—both to benefit our membership and the growth of numismatics in Illinois—but we cannot accomplish this without the help of our members. If anyone has any ideas or available time they could to donate to this organization, it would be greatly appreciated! The American Numismatic Association has chosen Illinois to host four out of its next five annual conventions. ILNA needs to work with the ANA to show not only all of the attendees why Illinois is a great state to host this annual event, but also to help local attendees recognize our organization as one they should be part of. Please help me and reach out by donating some time or some ideas to keep numismatics growing in our great State of Illinois.

Steve Harrison



The year 2011 is upon us and the numismatic hobby and or business appears to be strong as ever. The metals market is at an elevated level which in turns boosts collector and investor interest in bullion and collectible coins and currency. Hopefully this trend will continue well into the year.

ILNA has been doing its part in promoting the hobby of numismatics within Illinois. Every year ILNA donates new books on numismatic literature to libraries throughout the state. In 2010 and 2011 over 860 books were distributed to 96 libraries. All the packing and shipping were done courtesy of Chicago Coin Company. At this time ILNA would like to thank all the Chicago Coin Company employees who donate their time and effort carrying out this yearly task. Their contribution is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I want to inform all ILNA members there will be an election this year for the Office of Secretary and four seats on the Board of Governors. Any member interested in running for a seat on the ILNA board should submit a biography, not exceeding 200 words in length, containing a numismatic background of themselves and why they are interested in running for the board. Just a reminder, you have to be in good standing with ILNA and a member for at least one year. All biographies need to be submitted by June 1st so they can be published in the Summer Digest. The biographies can be e-mailed to me at jschikora@att.net along with any questions ILNA members may have.

Thank you, John Schikora ILNA Secretary

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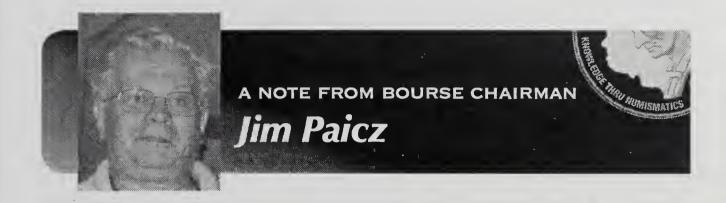
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Spring is in the air. This can only mean the ILNA Show is getting closer. What does this mean to you? Well, first off the show is being moved into the new building at the Tinley Park Convention Center. This will offer every one more room. This has been a complaint of Dealers for years. Secondly, we are putting a call out for competitive exhibits not only for adults but this year we are going to have our youth exhibit in a separate category. You must register your exhibit through me at 708-670-3469 or e-mail at paiczj@aol.com. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning to exhibit.

We have several seminars and meetings planned for this year's show. Leonard Auctions has contracted with again this year for an auction to be held on Friday at 6:00PM, in conjunction with the show. Dealers who consign with this year's auction are being given 2% discount so please contact John Leonard at 630-839-9247 or www.leonardauction. com to consign your items. We want this year's auction to surpass last year's numbers.

This year's show theme is "The Congressional Medal of Honor". This is the highest award given to any American Fighting Man or Woman. Along these lines Al Lynch C.M.H. as agreed to speak to the dealers and the public who attend our show. He may also be joined by one or two other C.M.H.'s. What an honor this will be. We will also have Worth American Legion Post and The Marine Corp League as Color Guard and Honor Guard for our C.M.H. recipients.

Please don't forget our Youth Auction.

Before I close, thank you for all our volunteers—and yes—we need you again this year more than ever!

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Springing ahead and pressing onward to achieve! Hello Fellow ILNA Members-

At the time of this writing, I have nearly finished my second issue of the *Coin Digest* serving as your Editor and an ILNA Board Member. Being on the "inside" has helped me to realize exactly how much goes into building "Knowledge Thru Numismatics," as our club motto states. I am amazed at how many hours are quietly volunteered planning and organizing ILNA's marquis event, the 52nd Annual Coin and Currency Show. The 2011 theme will feature the Congressional Medal of Honor– our nation's highest military decoration– and those who have received it. Also offered for consideration while planning our September event was to celebrate 100 years of the life of Illinois' own President Ronald Reagan.

Ronald Reagan, born and raised in Illinois and a graduate of Eureka College, achieved things most Americans can only dream about. He began his career as a radio broadcaster and later as a screen and television actor, most notably in the film, *Knute Rockne*, *All American*. A successful career as a public figure developed into political aspirations leading ultimately to achieving the office of President of the United States.

President Reagan's only planned appearance in U.S. coinage will be on the Presidential Dollar tenatively in 2016. Congressional debate has included Reagan's image on the \$10 or \$20 bill (H.R. 4528 and H.R. 4563), commemorative \$5 gold and silver dollar coinage (H.R. 3341), but is most often mentioned for a new dime.

H.R. 3633, proposed in 2003 a few months before the former President's passing, would allow Reagan's image to replace that of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Early public and Congressional support was put to rest in a press release by Reagan's wife Nancy: "I do not support this proposal and I am certain Ronnie would not. When our country chooses to honor a great President such as Franklin Roosevelt by placing his likeness on our currency, it would be wrong to remove him."

Celebrating 100 years of Ronald Reagan and respecting the wishes of his wife Nancy in regards to the Reagan Dime, but hopeful that the proposed commemorative issues find their way into coin presses in Philadelphia, San Francisco or West Point.

Yours in Service,

Timothy Guest

P.S.— If you have suggestions for the Digest or would make a potential contribution, please email me at ILNADigestEditor@aol.com, or write: ILNA Digest Editor, P.O. Box 5542, Woodridge, IL 60517. Sincerest Thanks!

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ANA SEEKS AMBASSADORS FOR AUGUST WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY

AN OPEN INVITATION TO ILNA MEMBERS
FROM ANA VOLUNTEERS CHAIR CARL WOLF

To: All Illinois Numismatic Association Members

This summer between August 16-20, numismatists from around the world will gather in Chicago to attend the World's Fair of Money! We hope to see all our Illinois friends there.

The Chicago Coin Club is hosting this great event and over a year ago key members began to take on various leadership roles and got heavily involved in the planning and interfacing with the ANA staff.

Now the time has come to gather together a list of general volunteers to serve as greeters, ambassadors, ushers, guides, etc. No heavy lifting will be required and no one should work over 3 hours if we get enough volunteers. Already 55 collectors have added their name to the list, but this convention will be a really big event, we need another 50 volunteers.

Please add your name to the list. This is a great time to meet new friends, add to your numismatic contacts and become part of the convention comradery. It is also a way to share with other collectors the fun and excitement you have experienced over the years.

Give us your e-mail address, telephone numbers (Home, Work & especially the Cell). The World's Fair of Money is international in scope, so let us know what languages you speak, besides English. An event like this is a family affair, let us know if your spouse, parent or child can volunteer at the same time as you.

E-mail this information to the address below and include comments and suggestions. Names will be kept confidential and all e-mail correspondence will go out "blind cc."

This is going to be a great convention! One you will never forget! I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am!

Sincerely,

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BLACK GOLD: RESEARCHING SINTERED DOLLARS

AN ILNA COIN DIGEST FEATURE
BY AUTHOR QUENTIN BURROWS

Quentin Burrows is an attorney, amateur numismatist and owner of Burrows Law Offices in Joliet, Illinois. He is a member of several coin organizations including ILNA and is President of the Will County Coin Club. (QCBurrows@aol.com)

The Sacagawea dollars were first released to the public starting in 2000 and collectors began finding coins with surface discoloration that ranged from light to dark and spotty.1 Over ten years later, the numismatic hobby still does not seem to agree upon what these discolored dollars represent. ANACS sometimes labels the darkened dollars as "Improperly Mixed Alloy" and other times as "Sintered" or "Lightly Sintered". ICG and PCGS prefer to call the dollars struck on "Sintered Planchets." Although PCGS sometimes labels the mint error "Improperly Annealed/ Sintered." NGC consistently labels the mint error dollars as "Improperly Annealed Planchets." NGC describes the error coins on its website as follows: "A planchet may also pick up a coating if it is improperly annealed... and that is very difficult to authenticate. Improper annealing is often confused with toning on coins. Improperly annealed planchets can take on a variety of colors from black to copper red. They are caused by overheating the planchets."2 Rounding out the debate, SGS and MMNS call the mint error a "Sintered Planchet". SEGS at times calls the error "Rinse Spots" and "Metallic Oxidation" and other times "Sintered Surfaces", depending on its testing and the severity of the discoloration. Whatever the cause or the name, the coins can be simply stunning when viewed under the right lighting conditions.



2007-D Mint Error \$1 PCGS MS64 Sintered Planchet George Washington



2008-P James Monroe \$1 Improperly Annealed Planchet Mint Error NGC MS 65



2007-D \$1 ICG-MS65 Mint Error Sintered Planchet

HOW ARE THEY MADE: GOLDEN DOLLAR PRODUCTION

The United States Mint's "Golden Dollar" coin, changed the alloy of the dollar coin to a clad composition of manganese-brass, containing 88.5 percent copper, 6 percent zinc, 3.5 percent manganese, and 2 percent nickel. Once the coins are punched from blanks and upset, they make their way to the annealing machine, which heats and softens the metal for striking. The coins then go through a washer, a dryer, a burnisher, and then finally to the coining press which adds the front and back designs. Unlike all other U.S. Coin denominations struck in circulation quality, manganese-brass clad blanks for the Presidential dollars are sent through the upset mill to form the coin's raised rim *before* annealing.³

During the finish rolling and blanking press operations, the blanks have again been hardened and must now be softened (heated) to controlled temperatures, (approximately 1400 degrees Fahrenheit), changing their crystal structure to a softer state. Planchets are "frozen" into that state by a water quench bath. The annealing process prolongs the life of the coining dies by ensuring well-struck coins with lower striking pressures. Despite a protective atmosphere, annealing causes some discoloration on the surfaces of the blanks which must be removed. To achieve the removal of the discoloration, the blanks are tumbled against each other, passed through a chemical bath, and dried by forced hot air.

THE SUSPECTS ON THE CAUSE OF THE DISCOLORATION

- 1. Manganese Oxidation. Noted Metallurgist Chris Pilliod has stated that the discoloration is caused by the oxidation of the manganese in the dollar coin alloy. CONECA expert Mike Diamond has written about a similar condition that occurs on nickels and had a proximate cause of prolonged exposure to heat, a failure to maintain an oxygendepleted atmosphere in the annealing oven, or a combination of both. The U.S. Mint has confirmed this theory with regards to nickels, but not as to the Golden Dollars.
- 2. Sintering. ICG and PCGS call the mint error coins struck on "a Sintered Planchet." However, this may not be the correct terminology because of what the metallurgical term "sinter" means. Sintering is defined as "the thermal treatment of a powder or compact at a temperature below the melting point of the main constituent, for the purpose of increasing its strength by bonding together of the particles." "Sintering" in a numismatic context is bonding to a planchet during the annealing process of microscopic metallic particles previously left behind in the annealing furnace.

"Sintered Dollars" continued on page 16.

3. Improper annealing. Blanks have to be annealed to soften the metal. A blank that is not annealed would be too hard to easily receive a rim in the upset mill, the machinery that converts the blank into a planchet. Annealing is a heat treatment in which a material is exposed to an elevated temperature for an extended time and then slowly cooled. Annealing heat treatments are largely characterized by induced microstructural changes which are ultimately responsible for altering the material's mechanical properties. The goal of this process is to reduce the hardness of the metal and improve its ductility.

Annealing metals in a regular furnace creates oxidation on the metals surface, which creates a scale. To avoid this buildup of scale, annealing furnaces are fed a mixture of gases like carbon monoxide, hydrogen and nitrogen. When the door is opened on an annealing furnace, there will be a wall of flames in the opening to keep oxygen from entering the furnace until the door is once again closed. Experts believe that "something" happens in the annealing furnace that allowed oxidization to occur during the annealing process, resulting in the migration (non-uniformity) of the different alloy mix. Chris Pilliod has stated that the discoloration may also be the result of contamination left on the planchet through improper annealing, if the annealing process was compromised.

SO WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

The grading services labels have not ended the controversy. Error expert Mike Diamond has written: "Despite what the grading services say, I am not at all confident that discolored Sacagawea and Presidential dollars were struck on improperly annealed planchets ... Whether these forms of discoloration develop before or after the strike is unclear." ¹⁰

Metallurgist Chris Pilliod, believes that the discoloration is the result of oxidation of the manganese in the coin's alloy. Manganese oxidizes more readily than the copper, nickel and zinc that make up the remainder of the alloy. An electron dispersive X-ray examination conducted by Pilliod showed the dark bands to be manganese oxide. Pilliod suggested that the discoloration could be the result of improper annealing, stating that breaking the vacuum seal to allow more oxygen into the furnace could increase the temperature above the desired level.¹¹

Larry Briggs of SEGS Grading Service believes he has the answer. It was SEGS who in 2000 discovered through very extensive research that the U.S. Mint had treated some 2,000 golden dollars with an

experimental rinse in an attempt to "preserve" the quickly vanishing brilliance of the new golden dollars. Mr. Briggs writes as follows: "these surfaces/planchets are a combination of heat/chemicals and planchet. All told the finish of the true error planchet toned coins is quickly ascertainable by a 'Q-Tip' and a quick touch to the edge or surface. If it brightens it is just an oxidized coin, if it does not change color to brightness then it is one of the error coins." Mr. Briggs continued: "regardless of everyone's theories, I, Larry Briggs, believe (through chemical analysis and other testing) these coins not to be of unburnished nature or improper annealing." Coins sent to SEGS for analysis came back labeled as "metallic oxidation", which seems to conform to Mr. Pilliod's explanation (although some coins did come back labeled as "sintered surfaces").

In conclusion, the metal manganese does not work and play well with other metals and its' oxidation seems to be the culprit that creates the discoloration and darkening on the "golden dollars," at least according to two independent scientific tests.

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These photos, courtesy of Danny Cghapman, show the difference between uncirculated surfaces of a Sintered Monroe dollar coin and one without issue.

HOW CAN YOU TELL IF IT IS REAL?

Error expert Fred Weinberg has stated: "Please be very very careful -97% of what I've seen offered on EBay are NOT genuine Sintered/Mis-Annealed Planchets. 100% of the flat, dark, no luster coins I've viewed on EBay, or in person at shows, etc., are surface alterations."13

Weinberg continues: "It's also difficult to verbalize what the real ones look like - but in general, they should have original luster, even if the luster is that blackish toning/color. There is also a continuum of intensity, color, luster, etc. on these coins. Because the planchets are Sintered before they are struck, the striking pressure on the Sintered planchet still creates luster - it might be less than a choice BU original coin of the same denomination, but if the surfaces are flat, and they don't 'rotate' (like the cartwheel luster on many silver dollars), the odds

are the coin isn't a mint product." Even a mid-color or dark Sintered Presidential Dollar will have a somewhat "cartwheel effect" as to its' luster - something that is difficult to duplicate.

Another clue to look for, according to Weinberg, is that the rim/edge of the coin might be darker than normal but should NOT be as dark as the obverse or reverse coloralthough the blank itself is sintered/mis-annealed, when the coin is struck, the collar (either reeded or plain) tends to take out some of the color from the edge - so, it will be off-color somewhat, but not the same as the obverse and reverse. If it is the same darkness as the surfaces of the coin, that's another sign of alteration of the entire coin. When the real Sintered planchet coin is ejected from the collar, the ejection action will "strip" some of the darkness from the edge of the coin when ejected.



After seeing enough examples of both types, it becomes easier to tell a Mis-Annealed Planchet from one that is simply re-toned, darkened somehow, or altered to appear like a Sintered planchet. The color tone

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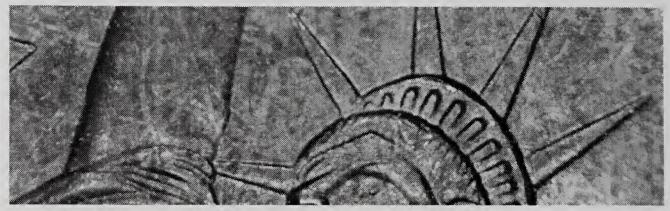
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ranges greatly from a very light translucent brown to dark olive green, with the darkest ones being worth the most according to Weinberg.



Although much is lost in the translation from color to greyscale, this macro photo shows what might be expected on the surfaces of a true Sintered Dollar.

HOW RARE ARE THESE ERRORS?

There is no population data available from the major grading services as to these error coins. However, Fred Weinberg in responding to this question stated: "As far as the Presidential's, I have seen a very small numbers of most Presidents only about two to six pieces and about two dozen or so Monroe's. I estimate that there is up to 2,500 of the 2001 Sacagawea Dollars, and about 125 known of the 2007 date."

END NOTES

- 1 Some of this information was used for an exhibit at Central States Numismatic Society 71st Anniversary Convention, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2010). See Potter, Ken, Discolored Sac & Prez Dollars: What are They? (Sep. 19, 2008); Problems on edge damage or errors? (NUMISMATIC NEWS Oct. 9, 2009); Van Buren Edge Errors Reported (NUMISMATIC NEWS, Dec. 3, 2008); See also Perala, Andrew, Sintered Coin's Coating Is More Than Toning Gone Wild (COIN WORLD, Dec. 22, 2008).
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Editor's Note—Special thanks to Quentin Burrows for his excellent contribution to the ILNA Coin Digest. Well Done! Hopefully you enjoyed learning about Sintered Dollars. If you are looking to be published, perhaps you would consider sharing your knowledge and experience with the ILNA community. If you have any questions about contributing to the Digest, please email ilnadigesteditor@aol.com.

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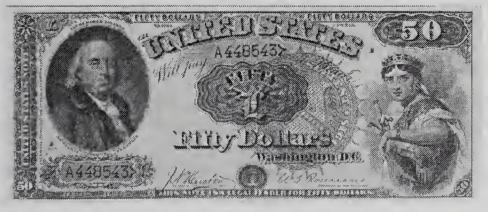
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My name is Nate Murphy and I was just appointed as your ILNA Youth Ambassador. My goal is to work through this newsletter and make the subject of coins more enjoyable for kids. I will be also working with Jim Paicz, the ILNA Bourse Chairman to try to make the annual ILNA show even better for kids. We actually have been talking about doing a YN (youth numismatists) only exhibit category and finding ways to for youth to earn extra dollars for the YN auction at the show in September. But first, I would like to share my story of how I became interested in coins. My great grandfather owned a clothing store in Ohio, so every time he saw a strange or unusual coin in the cash register, he kept it. The collection got very big and my dad has some of it right now. I thought of starting my own collection, so I went to the bank and got a couple rolls of pennies, came home, and went through them. After that, I went through my great grandfather's coins and looked at the history in that ammo box. I kept getting rolls and rolls of pennies from the bank until I had all that I could get from rolls. That is when I went to the coin shop uptown where I met the owner, Bill Price, who has become my mentor. To this day, I am a member of the ANA (American Numismatic Association), CSNS (Central States Numismatic Society), ILNA (Illinois Numismatic Association), and the Watchakee Coin Club (a local club).

I am not all about coins though. I would hope that people would describe me as just a normal kid who likes to get involved with many things. At school I work hard and do well in classes. I also enjoy sports as I am on the middle school basketball team as well as taking part in track. I am also in band (I play the trumpet) and chorus. That shows that you can be in a lot of stuff and still be into coins. I think coins is a wonderful hobby and I would encourage everyone to get into it.

EXHIBITING AT ILNA 2011

In the winter newsletter, if you read Jim Paicz's article, you might have seen something about exhibiting at the ILNA coin show in September, 2011. This is the very first year that we are doing a kids exhibiting program, so I highly encourage you to take this opportunity. You can learn a lot through exhibits and so can a lot of other people.

To begin with, let's define an exhibit to simple terms. In my words, an exhibit is something that has coins in it to display but also has information in it as well. First, you need to pick a topic. Just think, what is a particular area of coins that you like or would like to specialize in? There are a lot of things people have exhibited in the past. They have exhibited American coins,

world coins, paper money, tokens and medals, numismatic literature, gold coins, elongated coins, errors, and the convention theme- This year it is the Congressional Medal of Honor. You don't have to be an expert in what you are going to exhibit in the beginning, but in the end you should know a lot. Also, don't make the mistake of focusing too much on your coins and not enough on your information, because if a person walks by your exhibit and they see the coin but no information, it's just a coin to them. To me, I would say that the most important part of your exhibit is the information. Another thing (believe it or not) that can contribute to a winning exhibit is color coordination. You might want colors to attract viewers, but don't go overboard. Other things that can be judged are creativity, balance (the numismatic material and the numismatic information should be balanced), degree of difficulty, and condition (of the numismatic material). For a more complete guide on exhibiting at a coin show go to www.money.org. At the top of the page, scroll over "Numismatic Events" and click on "Convention Exhibits." If you have any questions, email me at njm2015@gmail.com. I hope that you will exhibit at the 2011 ILNA Show.

Nate Murphy ILNA Youth Ambassador

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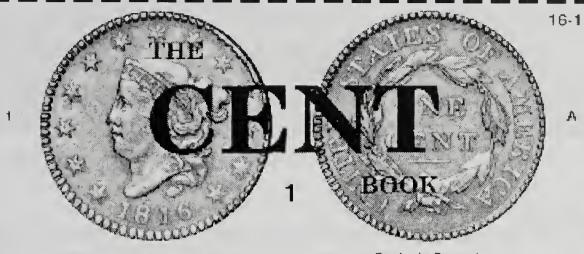
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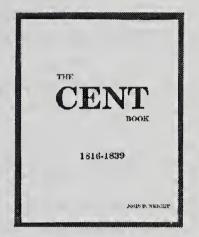
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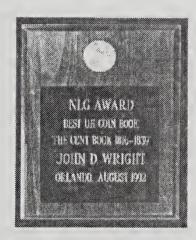
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Board Meeting Minutes

YOUR ILNA COIN CLUB BUSINESS FROM ILNA SECRETARY JOHN SCHIKORA

Our Fall, 2010 Board Meeting was held at the Quality Inn, Bradley, Illinois on Sunday, October 17th, 2010.

ROLL CALL

President Steve Harrison called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. Also in attendance were Vice President Andrew Reiber, Treasurer Bill Burd, Chairman of the Board Steve Butler, Board Members Brian Jaskierski, Jim Paicz, Bill Price, John Schikora, Brian Heil, and Tim Guest. Michael Doran, Donna Doran and Richard Prouty each had an unexcused absence. There was one guest present, Joyce Paicz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session from 4:04pm to 4:19pm at which time Joyce Paicz excused herself from the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Board read the minutes of the July 25, 2010 meeting. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bill Price, passed unanimously. Steve Harrison announced to the Board the resignations of Secretary Michael Doran and Digest Editor Donna Doran. After discussion with the Board, Harrison motioned to appoint John Schikora as new ILNA Secretary, seconded by Bill Price, passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Burd presented the 2010 Financial Report ending October 10th, showing current cash and receivables of \$89,017.69. Andrew Reiber motioned to accept the report, seconded by Jim Paicz, passed unanimously. Also, Burd requested an increase in renumerations from \$35 to \$40 per board member per meeting from Winter 2009 to Fall 2010. Andrew Reiber motioned to accept the increase, seconded by Brian Jaskierski, passed unanimously.

DIGEST EDITOR'S REPORT

With the resignation of Donna Doran a motion was made by Andrew Reiber to appoint Tim Guest as new Digest Editor, seconded by Bill Burd, passed unanimously. The new distribution dates of the digest were chosen as the 9th day of March, June, September and December.

LIBRARY BOOK REPORT

Andrew Reiber stated he would like to distribute five books each to 48 libraries throughout Illinois. Bill Price and Joyce Paicz offered to assist with the distribution. Bill Burd confirmed there were some books on hand. Reiber then requested up to \$6000 for new book orders for 2010 & 2011. Bill Price motioned to approve the request, seconded by Jim Paicz, passed unanimously.

BOURSE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim Paicz presented the Bourse Report for the 2010 show with a net profit of \$13,092.08. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Bill Price, passed unanimously.

Paicz recommended moving the show to the new convention rooms which are scheduled for completion in March 2011. The new rooms offer an additional 4,500 square footage which will increase the show space to 22,200 square feet. Paicz also requested a budget increase from \$32,000, to \$34,000 for the 2011 show. Andrew Reiber made a motion to approve the move and budget increase, seconded by Bill Price, passed unanimously. The dealer security room will again be available for the 2011 show.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Joyce Paicz informed the Board 20 new Adult Memberships were received at the ILNA show. Also, 51 Junior Memberships were received of which 48 were paid courtesy of Jade Rare Coins. Joyce also stated she would have new membership cards designed and printed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Greater Chicago Coin Currency and Collectibles Organization have scheduled a 3 day show starting June 30, 2011 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. This show is being run by Jim Paicz, Andrew Reiber and Steve Harrison. They have requested the use of ILNA property to use at their show. In return they have offered to provide ILNA a free table to promote its organization, pay all annual storage fees for ILNA property and repair or replace any ILNA property which becomes broken or missing while in their possession. Bill Price made a motion to accept the offer, seconded by Bill Burd, passed unanimously.

In an effort to promote goodwill for ILNA, it was suggested to offer all coin clubs in Illinois a free years membership in the organization. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the offer, seconded by Bill Burd, passed unanimously.

Andrew Reiber informed the board that ILNA member Eagle McMahon expressed interest in being an ILNA Board Member. After discussion Reiber made a motion that President Steve Harrison appoint Eagle McMahon as a new board member to fill an open vacancy. Harrison made the motion, seconded by Bill Price, passed unanimously.

A discussion was made about getting more Junior Numismatists involved with ILNA. It was suggested President Steve Harrison appoint a Junior Board Member to a one year position with non-voting status. The duties would be to interact with the junior members and write an article for the Young Numismatists column in the digest. Jim Paicz recommended Nathaniel Murphy be appointed to the position and given title of Youth Ambassador. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the appointment, seconded by Bill Burd, passed unanimously.

Lastly, Steve Harrison announced the dates for the 2011 ILNA Board meetings:

February 20th

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ADJOURNMENT

At 5:40 pm Andrew Reiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Price, passed unanimously.

Submitted by ILNA Secretary John Schikora

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Board Meeting Minutes

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The ILNA Winter, 2011 Board Meeting was held at the Quality Inn, Bradley, Illinois on Sunday, February 20th, 2011.

ROLL CALL

President Steve Harrison called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Also in attendance were Vice President Andrew Reiber, Secretary John Schikora, Treasurer Bill Burd, Chairman of the Board Steve Butler, Board Members Brian Jaskierski, Jim Paicz, Brian Heil, Tim Guest and Richard Prouty. Eagle McMahon had an excused absence. Jim Bradaric had an unexcused absence. There were four guests present, Nathaniel Murphy and his father, Joyce Paicz and Doshi.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Board read the minutes of the October 17, 2010 meeting. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Brian Jaskierski, passed unanimously. Steve Harrison made a recommendation that future board minutes be e-mailed by the secretary to the board members within three weeks after the meeting. After review board members can accept or recommend revisions. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the minutes by e-mail, seconded by Richard Prouty, passed unanimously.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Steve Harrison stated to the board that Matt Coyle, the new ILNA webmaster contacted him about working with a board member on ways to improve the ILNA website. Tim Guest volunteered to work with Matt.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Burd read the financial report showing ILNA having current assets of \$81,201.00. John Schikora made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Andrew Reiber, passed unanimously. Burd also mentioned the digest advertising needs to be billed in a timely manner whereby payments can be received promptly. Steve Harrison informed the board he would like Jack Huggins to file the year end taxes for ILNA. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept Jack Huggins, seconded by Steve Butler, passed unanimously.

DIGEST EDITOR'S REPORT

Due to the apparent conclusion of the "Making Sense" series of articles, Tim Guest requested more articles should be published in the digest. Giving the Digest additional research worthy information with entertaining creative writing would benefit both existing and potential ILNA members. Guest stated the loss of John Wright's column could open space for an improved youth section.

LIBRARY BOOK REPORT

Bill Burd stated he shipped all the books allocated for 2010 to 48 libraries throughout the state. Burd informed the board that the books allocated for

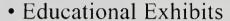
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2011 will be shipped by the end of February to 48 new libraries. The cost of the new books was \$4,018.00. Richard Prouty made a motion to accept the book report, seconded by Brian Jaskierski, passed unanimously.

BOURSE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim Paicz informed the board that the 2011 show is being moved into the new convention room which required a price increase of \$3,000.00. Also, the new room has more exterior doors which will require additional security personnel at an additional \$500.00. Paicz noted both increases fall within the show's budget. Paicz also stated exhibits will be displayed at this years show and once again there will be free tables for any coin club wishing to promote their organization.

Paicz announced the theme for the 2011 show is "The Congressional Medal of Honor". It was suggested by Paicz to have present at the show a Medal of Honor recipient. Andrew Reiber made a motion to have a Medal of Honor recipient preside at the show, seconded by Tim Guest, passed unanimously.

Leonard Auction submitted a proposal to host the 2011 show auction. John Leonard wants to start the auction at 6:00 pm and would like to auction collectibles as well as coins and currency. He requested a free advertisement page in the three ILNA digest publications leading up to the show as well as a spot on the website. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept John Leonard's terms, seconded by Brian Jaskierski, passed unanimously. Lastly, Paicz stated the show dates for the 2012 show, September 13-15 will not run against the Long Beach show.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Harrison made a recommendation to structure an ethics committee. It will be headed by the vice president who will appoint two board members as assistants. This recommendation will be placed on the next election ballot and voted on. Andrew Reiber made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Bill Burd, passed unanimously.

Andrew Reiber wants to start an organization called "National Numismatic Leaders". The purpose is to form a knowledge pool to help officers and governors between coin club organizations. It will be a not for profit organization founded by ILNA. Reiber asked ILNA to contribute \$2,500.00 for initial start up costs which would include building a website. Steve Harrison made a motion to offer the contribution, seconded by Bill Burd, passed unanimously.

Central States offered ILNA a table at the 2011 show in April. This table needs to be manned at all times during the show. It was suggested that \$1,500.00 be appropriated for the membership committee to pay for manning the tables and creating a new ILNA display. Bill Burd made a motion to accept the membership committee appropriation, seconded by Andrew Reiber, passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 pm Andrew Reiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brian Jaskierski, passed unanimously.

Submitted by ILNA Secretary John Schikora

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Central Illinois Numismatic Association

Summer Coin Show Sunday, July 24, 2011

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3210 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702

Future Shows
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70 DEALER TABLES

Admission: \$1.00

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For Further Information, Contact: Patrick Devine, Phone: 217 787-3241

LOCAL SHOWS

May 1 (Sun) Elgin Coin Club Annual Spring Show— 9 AM to 3 PM, Location: VFW Post 1307, 1601 Weld Rd, Elgin IL Tables: 34 Admission: Free Door & Raffle prizes. Contact: Don Cerny, PO Box 561, South Elgin, IL 60177 Phone: 847-888-1449.

May 15, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 51st Anniversary Coin Show—Pekin, IL. Location: Pekin Moose Lodge, 2605 Broadway Rd., Pekin, IL Tables: 60, Fee: \$50, Admission: Free, Contact: Steve Rassi, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309-263-0739

June 5, (Sun) Peotone Coin & Currency Show—9 AM to 3 PM Location: Will County Fair Grounds (The Atrium) 710 West St., Peotone, IL 60468 Tables: 50 Admission: Free, Contact: Jim Paicz, PO Box 628, Richton Pk, IL 60471 Phone: 708-670-3469.

June 30, July 1 and 2, Greater Chicago Coin, Currency and Collectable Show— Tinley Park, IL. Location: Holiday Inn - Tinley Park Convention Center 18501 S. Harlem Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60477. 250 Dealer Tables starting at only \$250, Early Bird Badges: \$50. Admission: Free. Dealers Contact: Bourse Chairman Jim Paicz, P.O. Box 628, Richton Park, IL 60471. Email: paiczj@aol.com or Phone 708-670-3469.

July 24, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Annual Summer Show—Springfield, IL. Location: Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3280 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. Tables: 70 Fee: \$60 Admission: \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. Contact Patrick Devine at 217-787-3241.



September 8-10, ILNA's 52nd Annual Coin and Currency Show—Tinley Park, IL. Location: Holiday Inn - Tinley Park Convention Center 18501 S. Harlem Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60477. 220 Dealer Tables starting at only \$225, Early Bird Badges: \$45. Admission: Free. Public Auction held in conjunction with the show by Leonard Auction at 6:00 PM, Friday, September 9th. Informational Seminars and Youth Auction to be held Saturday, September 10th. Dealers Contact: Bourse Chairman Jim Paicz, P.O. Box 628, Richton Park, IL 60471. Email: paiczj@aol.com or Phone 708-670-3469 John Schikora: 708-423-9091. Visit Illinois Numismatic Association website for updates at www.ilnaclub.info. **

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Upcoming Sunday Dates for 2011

June 5th, September 4th November 6th & December 4th

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710 West St., Peotone, IL

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INFORMATION OR TABLE RENTAL - CONTACT JIM PAICZ AT (708) 670-3469, EMAIL - KDSCOLLECTIBLE@AOL.COM

LOCAL CLUBS

Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Meetings: Second Thursday of each month except August and December, 7:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, North Council #4175, 2801 West St., Springfield, IL. Information: Jay Peniwell, 4 Oak Ridge Dr. Decatur, IL. 62521. Phone 217-428-9853.

Champaign-Urbana Coin and Currency Club. Meetings: First Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St., Urbana, Illinois. Information: Clyde Sweet, Box 1174, Champaign, IL, 61824. Phone: 217-840-2526, email: cwsweet3@msn.com, web site: www.melonbones.com/cucc.

Chicago Coin Club. Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604 and The Chicago Coin Club holds meetings at several coin and paper money shows. Information: Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL. 60690. Phone 773-878-8979 or email Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com.

Club of Illinois NumismatistS (C.O.I.N.S. Club). Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Hazel Crest Village Hall, 3000 W. 170th St, Hazel Crest, IL. Information: (Mailing address) C.O.I.N.S. Club, P.O. Box 849, Hazel Crest, IL, 60429.

Corn Belt Coin Club. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Bank of Illinois, 200 W. College Ave., Normal, IL. Information: Phone Jeff Stover 309-532-3205.

Danville Coin Club. Meetings: Third Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Palmer American Bank, Danville, IL. Information: Danville Coin Club, 2816 Baumgart, Danville, IL, 61832. Phone 217-443-6942.

Dixon Coin Club. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Loveland Community Building, 513 W. 2nd St., Dixon, IL, 61021. Contact Jerry Bartlett, 815-535-8427.

Dupo Coin Club. Meetings: Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. Information: Dupo Coin Club, 409 Olympia St, Columbia, IL, 62236. Phone Ron Nowak at 618-281-4875.

Edgar County Coin Club. Meetings: Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce, 105 N. Central, Paris, IL. Information: Pat Brazelton, 1231 N. High St., Paris, IL, 61944. Phone: 217-463-2217. Email: pbraz@joink.com.

Elgin Coin Club. Meetings: First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Elgin VFW Post at 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. Information: Elgin Coin Club, P.O. Box 561, South Elgin, IL, 60177.

LOCAL CLUBS

Fairfield Coin Club. Meetings: Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 P.M. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. Information: Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL, 62837. Phone: 618-842-2035.

Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club. Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. (except July) at the Challacombe House, 509 School St., Hillsboro, IL. Information: Hiltop Coin Club, P.O. Box 23, Benld, IL, 62009. Email: hiltopcc@yahoo.com.

Indian Hill Coin Club. Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 P.M. at the Avon Township Hall, Washington St. in Round Lake Park. Information: Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL, 60099.

Lake County Coin Club. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. Information: Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL, 60085.

Mattoon Coin Club. Meetings: First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M., Second floor of County Market (food store) at 20th St. and Western Avenue, Mattoon, Information: P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL, 61938.

Metro East Coin & Currency Club. Meetings: Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. Edgemont Bible Church, 5100 N Illinois, Fairview Heights, IL. Information: Metro East Coin & Currency Club, PO Box 23. Belleville, IL, 62222. Phone 618-277-4493.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society. Meetings: First Friday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. Information: OFNS, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL, 60452.

Quad-City Coin Club. Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. Information: John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL, 61266.

Rantoul Coin Club. Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 P.M. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL, Information: RCC, 203 E. Campbell St., Rantoul, IL, 61866.

Rockford Area Coin Club. Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 P.M. at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). Information: Don Smith, 100 W. Main, Rockton, IL, 61072, Phone Daytime 815 624-0422.

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Tazewell Numismatic Society. Meetings: First Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. Time: 7:00 P.M. Information: D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309-353-6178.

Wat-cha-kee Coin Club. Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (No meeting June, July, August) at Celebrations on the Corner, 209 W. Oak St (Coner of 2nd and Oak), Watseka, IL., Information: Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815-432-4636.

Will County Coin Club. Meetings: First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Fire Protection District, 15025 S. Des Plaines Road, Plainfield, Illinois (enter through the side door by the parking lot). Information: Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL, 60451, or phone 815-485-4137.

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